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THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN HAS A CIRCULATION THAN ANY OTHER MORNING PAPER IN THE DISTRICT OF CO.

MONDAY MORNING DECEMBER 6 1878, Mr. FERNANDO WOOD, with characterictic duplicity, supported Mr. Randall up to the last moment, and when the caucus met threw his influence for Mr. Kerr. Verily the ways of the average Democratic Congressman are dark.

It is not improbable that the presence in Washington of Billy McMullen and John Morrissey had something to do with Mr. Randall's defeat. Their support of him would certainly have injured his prospects in any other organization than the Democratic party.

Mr. RANDALL has every reason to be proud of his canvass for the Speakership. He received the warm support of both political friends and opponents, and would have succeeded if it had not been for the treachery of the Bourbon element of his party. His defeat is really a Republican gain, because it shows that the Democracy has no use for honest Conservatives.

It is the popular thing just now to charge that the NATIONAL REPUBLICAN'S friendship for Mr. Randall was the immediate occasion of his defeat. Be this as it may, we have the satisfaction of knowing that we interfered in the Democratic broilwhere, perhaps, we had no right to intersame time have now the best man, and at the a straight-out Republican journal to com mand the attention of the Democracy when great interests are at stake.

JAT GOULD pleads the "gambling act" in evasion of the alleged obligation of his firm, now being pressed in the New York courts, that were contracted on the memorable "Black Friday." While there can be little doubt of the truth of his assertion that they were "bets" as the future price of gold, made without the slightest intention to deliver or receive the coin contracted for, yet the question arises whether the New York Stock Poard, under a strict construction of its rules, feels obliged to rule Mr. Gould off the Exchange by his own plea. What has the Tribune to say for its principal on this question ? Can it sustain him in this course? As a man of honor, is he not bound to pay his bets? Can any one hereafter deal with Mr. Jay Gould safely except upon written contracts which express their bong fide character upon their face? Such a man must always give guarantees of some sort that he will not plead the gambling statute if his speculation turns out badly.

THE PRESIDENT has ordered Generals Sheridan, Hancock and Terry to form the Court of Inquiry in the case of General Babcock. Colonel Gardner, the law pro fessor at the West Point Military Academy, will act as judge advocate of the court, which will meet in Chicago on Thursday next. This detail should be satisfactory to the most critical. No men could have been selected who have deeper interest in the reputation of their branch of the service, and no one will believe that they will lend, themselves and their personal characters to aid in hiding anything criminal in a brother officer. They cannot afford the risk if they are so disposed. The exposure of such conduct on their part would disgrace them forever. But the high character of these distinguished officers is of itself a sufficient guaranty that the evidence presented before them will be carefully treated and the scales of justice evenly balanced, while the honor of their profession will be jealously guarded.

MR. LAMAR's speech last Saturday was one of the most audacious productions of the kind ever uttered in the country Coming fresh, as he does, from a State in which every principle or pledge announced by him has been violated, he had the impudence to declare that the Democratic party is devoted to the cause of good gov ernment. In short, his speech reads very much like a first-class Republican campaiga document, and proves how easy it is for a man to preach what he does not practice. Of course, the weak-kneed Gushers of the country will place every reliance in what he says, and praise him now as they did when he eulogized Mr. Sumner. But he is not entitled to it now any more than he was then, when, according to his own confession, he was prompted to pronounce that much-talked of eulogy by the fact that Mr. Sumper had been the leading opponent in Congress to President Grant. Hollow and insincere in every regard, it was meet and proper that he should preside at the caucus for the organization of the House by the Democracy.

WHILE SECRETARY BRISTOW has all along agreed with the President that "no guilty man" should be suffered to escape consequences of his crime, he has a the same time not been forgetful of the rights of the citizen to a fair and impartial trial before condemnation, and to this end has favored cautionary instructions from the Department of Justice to those conduct ing the prosecution of the whisky frauds, in order that no person should be convicted solely upon "State's evidence," and deprecating the conviction of innocent parties through malice and perjury of confessed felons. It is known to every one that when it becomes the fashion to sail under the cry of "reform," and condemn by wholesale all who are in any wise connected with Government service, that the road from suspicion to accusation is exceedingly swift, and especially so when aided by malice, and that conviction without fair trial some times furnishes the innocent victim apparently demanded as a sacrifice to the vengeance of a plundered and outraged people It is no less the duty of a righteous civil government to protect and defend the innocent than to convict and punish the guilty.

THE DISTRICT.

The annual report of the District Commissioners, printed elsewhere, will be read with more than ordinary interest by our citizens, as well as the public generally. It shows that the finances of the District have been economically administered, and therein furnishes a sufficient answer to the groundless charges that our local affairs have been extravagantly or carelessly managed. Our limited space prevents full discussion of the subject such as its im portance demands; but we call particular attention to the fact that the "old debt" proper has been reduced more than the re rt apparently shows. This fact becomes rent when it is understood that among sets of the District there are re-Inding special assessments made to be made in excess of outstanding ight per cent. certificates, amounting to \$1,689,644.70; taxes in arrears on property sold on account of same, and bid in by \$900,000; claims against contractors and by ignoring its Cox-crew. It is said that Cox sung a plaintive air for the benefit of the cautheir sureties for repairs amounting to 198 198 19: funds appropriated for the Word, mistaking the melody, joined in with "Kerry me tack once more." The caucus is use of the sinking fund commissioners, \$12,800; Chesapeake and Ohio canal over, and the end having oc-Kerred, Mr. Ran-dall quietly remarks, "Kerr's the lucky man." As it is the first time the genial Samuel was bonds, selling at \$1.16, amounting to \$87,200. Deducting the aggregate of these amounts from \$8,441,113,43, the ever known to be Kerr-t, we Wood still retotal of the bonded debt, and not including commend him for Kerr-to-see. Mr. Wood in the deduction the amount due from consays: "The Morr-I-see of the result of the con test the more I am convinced that he who tractors, we find that it has been reduced to about \$5,734,474.73. This showing is Wood con-Kerr a fair prize should spea-Kerrly for it." That Kerr should have con-Kerred not only unexpected, but, under the cirs not at all surprising, for it would have cumstances, particularly gratitying. The oc-Kerred under any circumstance, as he recommendations embraced in the report Ran-d-all his mite to win a race that any ordifor the repaying of that great national nary Cox-comb would have lost. The M. C. Kerr thoroughfare, Pennsylvania avenue, for of Saturday is the S .- P .- Kerr of to-day, with the increase of our water supply, for the the control of several fine offices attached, increase of public school accommodations, which in reality belong to the family of Orfor the police force, for charities, for pheus C. Kerrs. We Wood-n'-thin-Kerr-'bou markets and other matters deserve attencanine after pun-ishing our mother tongue in tion, and will at once commend themselves this manner. to public and official favor. It is to be hoped that when the President transmits the report to Congress it will be received by that body with a firm determination to

THE ORGANIZATION OF THE HOUSE.

The Bourbons have carried the day.

Although Mr. George M. Adams served in

the Union army during the war, his nomi-

nation to be Clerk of the next House does

not alter this fact. Mr. Kerr was essen-

tially the Bourbon candidate, and, besides

that, labored under the disgrace of being

supported by Tammany Hall. Mr. Randall

received thirty-one Confederate votes on

soon however as the Bourbons appealed

to Mr. Randall's friends on grounds of so-

called principle they shamefully deserted

him, and joined the supporters of Mr Kerr.

This is, in brief, the story of the Demo-

party popularly known as 'Copperheads.' On the other hand, Mr. Randall supported the

war, and since it closed has been about as lib

eral as a Democrat could be and retain a stand-

The New York Herald editorially con-

And the Herald might have added that

Mr. Kerr was in active sympathy with, if

not a member of, that infamously treason-

able organization, the Knights of the Golden

Democratic party have signalized their re-

turn to power in the Lower House of Con-

gress by throwing aside the disguise of

Conservatism, which they assumed before

the people, by disregarding all their prom-

ises not to repeat the blunders of the past,

Government a man whose only recom-

mendation resides in the fact that he is the

pliant instrument of the traitors who tried

fifteen years ago to destroy the Govern-

ment. They had an opportunity to do

better. The nomination of Mr. Randall,

Mr. Sayler or Mr. Cox would have satisfied

the people that the Democracy has learned

something from its past experience; but

the result shows that the old spirit of oppo-

sition to the principles of true and loyal

government is still dominant in the party

councils. In short, the old party lines

as they existed at the beginning of

the war have been re-established and the old battles for the fallacy of State

rights and the supremacy of good govern-

ment are to be fought over again. The

Conservative element of the party has been

overridden. The Southern wing com-

mitted an act of base ingratitude

in deserting Mr. Randall, to whom they

are under lasting obligations; but it was

characteristic of them. Whenever their

love of so-called Southern principles is sp-

pealed to they repudiate every other obli

gation and expose their utter inability to

ppreciate the changed condition of affairs.

They are in the foreground now; have got

omplete control of one important branch

of the Government, and, judging from the

organization of the House as effected by

them on Saturday, they intend to repeat

the blunders of the past, if, indeed, they do

MINOR TOPICS.

The New York dailies are having an abun

dant vield of libel suits, and, taking the condi-

tion of the soil from which they spring into

Colonel and Brigadier General Borbon, two

Spanish princes, cousins of Alfonso, are aiding Captain General Valmaseda to crush the

Cuban patriots. The princes were formerly

as officers in the Spanish army and sent to

are now current in Spain that these mus are

secretly pulling the Carlist wires in Cuba, and

consequently spies have been placed upon their track who are closely watching their

Now that the fight is over, 'tis a sorry pic ture, this field where lay the slain. Blighted

hopes and aspirations are left as food for re-

ection to over three thousand men who sough

for positions at the disposal of the Democracy in the House, and as they retire from the

search for office they do not hesitate to men

tion the fact that "all hell shall stir for this."

To travel a thousand miles in search of office

and then be disappointed, after waiting in ex-

pectancy fifteen years for Democratic ascend

ency, is simply grief embittered, and those

who have been so unfortunate have the sym

The perambulating and restless nuisane

Sergeant Bates, has been checked in his pro-posed feat of carrying the American flag

brough Canada as a "symbol of peace and cood will." One Canadian town has threatened

destroy his flag and drive him into the

round with pulley-elevated dead weights if he

itempts to invade their soil with the Stars

and Stripes. We kindly advise them not to

soil or molest the flag, but the minute that

international tramp crosses the boundary the

American people will relinquish their claims on his body, and any disposition that may seem proper for them to make of it will meet with

their approval. Among other things, crema-tion would be acceptable.

A budget of Kerr-sory remarks: Saturday was hard on Wood-Cox. Although pointers

seemed to be at a loss and setters at a discount, still the game was bagged by a Kerr. The trained pack under the master, Sam Ran—bah on the "d," for as the beginning of Democracy and devilment, it is always getting

the country into trouble—all over the g but failed to get a scent. The Bourb

pathy of every well-regulated mind.

Cuba to aid the pompous and obese Valmesad in his bloody work of subjugation. Rumor

officers in the Carlist cause, but having su

rendered to the Alfonsists, were commi-

onsideration, there is nothing surpris

not do worse.

ter, as follows:

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cratic cancus last Saturday.

alluded to Mr. Keraas follows:

the first ballot and Mr. Kerr forty-nine. As

Biographical Annals. The New York Tribune of Saturday took the lives of the whole batch of new Congressmen, including the seventy rebels. As an extreat the subjects to which it relates withtract from Lanman's forthcoming Biographiout regard to the slanders which have cal Annals of the Civil Government of the Unibeen so industriously circulated regarding ted States, they published about ten columns, our affairs, and with a spirit of fairness, What effect all this will have upon the elec-This is all that the permanent citizens or tion of Speaker remains to be seen, but such a lot of politicians and uniledged statesmen was residents of the District will ask, and they perhaps never before portrayed by the pen of will be sustained by the unanimous voice of the unprejudiced people of the country.

SPECIAL NOTICES. TO DEAF MUTES AND THEIR friends. There will be divine service, and a sermon will be delivered, at 8t Mark's church, Third street, mar a southeast, Thirs (MON. AY) - ven mg at 7280 celeche, to be interpreted by the Nev. Tho. Gailandet, D. D. 665 MASONIC.

A Chapter of Sorrow will be held on TURSDAY EVENING, December 7, at 7 o'clock, to honor the memory of our late companions. Benjamin Frank-lin Palum rang George Arth r Fitch. M. D. All Royal Arch Masons are fraternally invited. By order of the M. K. H. P. de6-21 JOHN EDWIN MASON, Secretary. ATTENTION, DEMOCRACY!

The Jackson Democratic Association and the Metropolitan Democratic Club will assemble a their respective headquarters, corner of Eighth and E and 422 eventh streets, THIS (MONDAY) EVENING, December 6, 1875, at 7 o'clock promptiy, to join in a serenade to distinguished member of Congress. All Democrats are invited to particle JOHN E. NOREIS.

The Washington correspondent of the New York Tribune, on this occasion very good authority, in discussing the situation PHONOGRAPHY -TWO roung phonographers, (practical printers) tooroughly competent to prepare matter for the press, desire employment as ausnuences or as redo, ters. Special arrangements can be made with Coe greenmen or other Government officials. Address, B. HALLEI, 17 G street northwest, det-65. "Again, the Indiana candidate has the straightest Bourbon record of any Democrat in the House. In the years immediately following the war, when the Republicans were PROGRESSIVE SUILDING ASbusy clinehing the victory of the Union cause by legislation, Mr. Kerr was the stock apokes-man, and a bitter one, too, of the handful of Democrata who opposed that legislation. An SOCIATION.—Regular meeting for payments of ones MONDAY. December 4, at 8-liobhall, L street, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets. Subscribe for shares, as its rates of interest are lower than any association is Washington. Books open at 100 F street. J 4B. H. SMITH, President. T. Lanson Buooks, Socy. 66-12: extreme State rights man before the war, it is doubtful whether he believed in the power of the nation to coerce rebellion. He certainly was never classed with the war Democrats, and was in full fellowship with the wing of his Y. M. C. A.

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